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Three freshman basketball players averaging 6' 8" seem to overshadow 5' 10" Jim White, second from right, who needs a slight boost to equal his teammate's height advantage. The smaller Hastings native is flanked by, from left, Chuck Jura, 6' 10", from Schuyler; Mike Peterson, 6' 7", from Omaha and Curt LeRossignol, 6' 7", from Lincoln.

### Sevigne enthusiastic as runners begin practices

by Randy York  
Assistant Sports Editor

It's getting to be a fall routine at Nebraska. While the Cornhuskers have become a contender in Big Eight football year in and year out, the U cross country team usually receives the opposite billing.

In fact, Coach Frank Sevigne's charges failed to post a win last fall and finished last in the Big Eight chase. So there's only one way the Husker harriers can go and that's up.

And it looks as if Nebraska will finally end its two-year drought in dual competition as Sevigne expects this year's Husker runners to press for one of the conference's top spots.

"THIS IS the best cross country team I've had at Nebraska," Sevigne evaluated. "I feel we have as much balance as any team in the conference."

A person may wonder how a coach can make such an assessment when NU will not field three of its top five runners of a year ago. Only two lettermen are listed on this year's edition.

Fact is, Sevigne had to run boys that he didn't necessarily want to run last year. Lacking Big Eight-calibered competitors in 1967, Sevigne was forced to enter Dan Moran and Mike Randall, who actually specialized in middle-distance running.

There is no such problem this fall, however. A talented crop of sophomores and four promising freshmen prospects add to the optimism. Mel Campbell and Bob Tupper, both juniors, are the veterans reporting back.

Sevigne may have produced a blue chip recruit in Mike Lee, a freshman from Seattle Wash. Lee finished second in the state high school mile event last year, clipping the distance in a impressive 4:16.

But one of the top milers on the Husker unit has got to be Pete Brang, who has registered a 4:10 clocking and also owns an 8:58 time in the two-mile. Brang is a junior, but this marks his first year in a Husker uniform. He is

### Sigma Delta Psi to hold meeting

All University men interested in qualifying for membership in Sigma Delta Psi, national honorary athletic fraternity, should meet in room 114, Mens Physical Education Building at 4 p.m. Thursday.

After the Thursday organizational meeting, testing for the various events members must pass will begin so testing may be completed before the close of the academic year.

## From That Desk In The Corner

by J. L. Baldwin  
Sports Columnist

The college football season moved into high gear last weekend, resulting in a lot of excitement and a little bit of mystery.

Big Eight teams did fairly well last Saturday, splitting eight games against good opposition. Nebraska (31-0 over Utah), Kansas (47-7 over Illinois), Kansas State (21-0 over Colorado State) and Colorado (28-7 over Oregon) all won in impressive fashion, although the quality of their opposition was not that high.

IN CONTRAST, Oklahoma ran into a high quality buzzsaw at South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame obliterated the Sooners, 45-21, staking its claim as the number one team in the nation in no uncertain terms.

Along the same lines, Arkansas routed Oklahoma State, 32-15, as the Razorbacks exploded for a barrage of fourth-quarter touchdowns, indicating the Porkers might be back as a national power.

Iowa State and Missouri lost by closer margins to Arizona and Kentucky, respectively, but neither the Cyclones nor the Tigers showed much muscle.

The mystery of the first big weekend of college football arises from the results of several key games.

Did Notre Dame clobber an excellent OU outfit or are the Sooners not all they are cracked up to be?

Is Texas finally going to have a Year of the Horns despite a 20-20 tie with a powerful Houston squad, or are the Longhorns just another good team?

DID ALABAMA have an off day squeaking by Virginia Tech, 14-7, or is Bear Bryant's spell beginning to wear off?

Will Minnesota bounce back from its unsuccessful struggle with Southern California to conquer Nebraska and the Big Ten, or will both the Trojans and the Gophers prove to be overrated?

Is UCLA's 63-7 massacre of Pittsburg significant or is it merely an isolated runaway?

Will Wyoming continue its recovery from the narrow Nebraska loss in the fashion of Saturday's 48-3 conquest of Utah State, or will the Cowboys fold against Arizona State and the University of Texas at El Paso in the WAC?

This weekend's games will

have a lot to say about answering these questions. Notre Dame and Purdue square off at South Bend. If the pollsters are correct in their evaluation of the Boiler-makers, this one could decide the national championship.

Oklahoma tangles with dangerous North Carolina State at Norman, and if the Sooners win big, they are definitely back on the track.

Other important weekend contests are UTEP at Arizona State, Florida at Florida State, Texas at Texas Tech, and Iowa at TCU, where we'll find out whether the young Hawks are for real after their stunning 21-20 upset over Oregon State.

Finally, the outcome of the Nebraska-Minnesota battle will affect the national grid picture considerably. An NU win could mean the Huskers are emerging as a superteam a la 1965, but a loss to the Gophers would not be damaging.

The Cornhuskers are a definite underdog going into the Minneapolis clash Saturday, but Nebraska isn't out of it by a long shot. Nebraska coach Bob Devaney has never lost to a Big Ten team, and he isn't about to start now.

### Re-Marks . . .

## Soccer team lacks finances, support

by Mark Gordon  
Sports Editor

How many basketball or football players would the University attract to its varsity squads if players were required to pay for every expense they incurred including equipment and find a practice and game field as well?

Our guess is not very many, but there is one sport on this campus where participants are asked to provide all expenses including equipment and travel costs as well as trying to find a game and practice field in Lincoln.

THE UNIVERSITY Soccer Club, to the amazement of persons affiliated with University sports, battled through last season incurring expenses that even J. Paul Getty might have trouble meeting.

The dedicated team members, led by captain Tim Rickard, finished third in the Midwest Soccer League.

This year, Rickard has left Nebraska and is now participating in soccer at Kansas State University and the University Soccer crew is now captained by Victor Umanna in a new league called the Nebraska Soccer League.

But those are the only aspects that have changed this year. The University which is tossing money around for new construction pro-

jects as if it were paper, repeatedly has told the soccer club on funds can be provided.

How much is this exorbitant sum that is being requested? Umanna estimated that uniforms, nets for the goals and possibly three or four soccer balls would cost between \$250 to \$300.

Considering the cost to outfit just one football player runs better than \$100 and more than 90 players suited up for last Saturday's game against Utah, the cost to equip the entire soccer team, is not enough to turn anyone's budget into the red column.

Umanna said he has contacted, without any success, the Nebraska Athletic Department, the Student Affairs Office and both the Men's and Women's Physical Education Departments.

IN FACT, after contacting the Women's P.E. Department, the team's request to use the field behind the new Women's P.E. Building for practices and possibly games was denied when an official objected to the boots which tore up parts of the field last fall.

The team was forced to play at Peter Pan Park for Sunday's opening game thanks to the generosity of the Lincoln Recreation Department. But the field conditions were horrible. Umanna said, and the team

had to mark off the field before the game.

We aren't placing the blame for this condition on any one individual or one department. But what we are saying is that this team, like any team representing the University deserves some financial compensation so players don't have to line up at the local loan companies in order to obtain funds.

The soccer team isn't asking for \$35,000 to equip a team that will travel from coast to coast. All they ask is a bare minimum to aid them this year in their new league. Can someone or some department help them out?

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## Soccer team drops opener to Omaha

The University Soccer Club dropped its season opener Sunday to the Omaha Martinizing Club, 7-1, in the revised Nebraska Soccer League.

The local crew scored the game's opening goal the first time it had the ball, but the Omahans came back with three goals to lead 3-1 at halftime. A four-goal spurge in the second half sealed the victory for Omaha.

THE GAME was the first league contest played by the two teams in the new Nebraska Soccer League. Last year the league was called the Midwest Soccer League and it included a team from Des Moines, Iowa.

This fall a team representing Kearney State College has replaced the Iowa entry which was dropped from the loop for financial and time considerations.

Victor Umanna, University club captain, said Des Moines was dropped from the league since it was too far and expensive for the Nebraska teams to drive to Des Moines for league games. The game field at Peter

Pan Park was marked off by team members before the contest began which tired the players, Umanna said.

"Besides that, we weren't even informed of the game until four days before we played, so we didn't have enough time to have any practices," the team captain said.

"We have a lot of good individual players on the team, and after we hold some practices, we will have a real fine team," Umanna said.



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